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Title: REACTIVE HYDROPHILIC OLIGOMERS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT—ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 06/21/2006. Claims 1 to 34 are pending.  
Claims 1 to 34 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 to 22 are said to be drawn to an oligomer composition, classified in Class 526, subclass 332+;
- II. Claims 23 to 28 are said to be drawn to a method of coating, classified in Class 427, subclass 487+;
- III. Claims 29 to 34 are said to be drawn to an absorbent dressing, classified in Class 428, subclass various.

**Election**

In response, Applicants elect Group I without traverse.

In response to the Examiner's office action dated 06/21/2006, Applicants provisionally elect the species described by claim 1, part b); a first component oligomer comprising a plurality of

polymerized monomer units having pendent, free-radically polymerizable functional groups, and a plurality of polymerized monomer units having pendent, hydrophilic poly(alkylene oxide) groups. In particular, Applicants elect the species represented by Example 13, an acrylate oligomer which has pendent polyethylene glycol monomethyl ether groups and pendent methacrylate groups. Note Example 13 is derived from the copolymer of example 3, by functionalization of the pendent hydroxy group by 2-isocyanatoethyl methacrylate to impart the requisite free-radically polymerizable functional groups. Applicants further elect, for the second component oligomer, as a second species an acrylate oligomer that has pendent methacrylate groups.

The claims that read on the elected species are: 1 to 7, 13, 14, 16 to 18 and 22. Claim 1 is generic to the elected species. Since claims to 2-7, 13, 14, 16 to 18 and 22 are further specifics of claim 1, it also reads on the elected species of claim 1. If claim 1 is found allowable, claims 23 to 28 and 29 to 34 of the non-elected species should also be allowed, since claim 1 is generic to this claim, and claim 1 depends from claim 1.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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